

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Tanaka et al.

Application No. 10/573,165

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Examiner: HAQ, SHAFIQUIL

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED JANUARY 28, 2009**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants wish to elect **Group I (claims 1-7, 9-12, and 14-16)**. For species election, applicants wish to elect the following:

1. A hydrophilic spacer as in claim 11 (and)
2. A starting monomer as in claim 12 (and)
3. A copolymer of the monomer as in claim 12 and (meth)acrylic monomer.

No fees are due. However, please charge any fees that might be due in connection with this submission to our Deposit Account No. 12-0913 with respect to our matter number 43512-104208.

Respectfully submitted,

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